

Washington, D.C - Today, leaders of the **New Democrat Coalition**, led by **Congressman Joseph Crowley (NY-7)**

and the New Dem Trade Task Force Co-Chairs

Congressman Adam Smith (WA-9)

and

Congressman Jim Moran (VA-8)

, released the following statement in response to President Obama's announcement on the Korean-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (KORUS):

"We welcome Saturday's announcement by President Obama signaling the Administration's desire to continue negotiations on the Korea Trade Agreement. The New Dems have long encouraged the Administration to move forward and resolve outstanding issues with pending agreements to better protect American goods and services in the global marketplace, boost competitiveness for American businesses, expand opportunities for American workers, and strengthen our national security. We are committed to working with the Administration to complete these important negotiations by November."

Statement supported by New Democrat Trade Task Force Co-Chairs Representative Adam Smith (WA-09) and Representative Jim Moran (VA-8), and the New Dem Leadership Members, led by Chair Representative Joseph Crowley (NY-07), and Vice-Chairs Representative Melissa Bean (IL-08), Representative Ron Kind (WI-03), Representative Allyson Schwartz (PA-13), and Representative Adam Smith (WA-09). □ □

The New Democrat Coalition is a Coalition of 69 members of the U.S. House of Representatives who are dedicated to the prosperity and security of American families and business. Founded in 1997, the NDC provides Members of Congress with the opportunity to advance a common sense policy agenda focused on empowering the U.S. to grow economically and maintain a vibrant job market, preserving the U.S. standing as the world's leader in innovation and technological advancement, and strengthening our economic and national security. For more information, visit the New Dems website at <http://ndc.crowley.house.gov>.

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